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SUBJECT: PRESS TRUST OF INDIA REPORTS US RECOGNIZES INDIA'S  
DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS OF HIGHER ORDER THAN PAKISTAN'S, KISSINGER  
TO VISIT INDIA

1. A PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) LEAD ITEM FROM WASHINGTON  
STRINGER CHAKRAPANI DATED OCTOBER 3 REPORTED THAT DURING DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN SWARAN SINGH AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, "THE US SIDE  
CONCEDED THAT THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF MILITARY PARITY  
BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN." THE STORY SAID THAT IN ANSWER  
TO SINGH'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON US ARMS POLICY,  
"AN ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY DR. KISSINGER THAT THE UNITED  
STATES ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT INDIA'S DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS  
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WERE OF A MUCH HIGHER ORDER THAN THOSE OF PAKISTAN. HE WAS

ALSO TOLD THAT THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION NEVER SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF EQUAL MILITARY STRENGTH BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

ON THE QUESTION OF ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN, THE US SIDE REPEATED ITS EARLIER ASSURANCE THAT, 'THERE IS NO CHANGE' IN ITS PRESENT POLICY OF STRICTLY CONFINING SUPPLIES ONLY TO NON-LETHAL ITEMS AND SPARE PARTS TO EQUIPMENT ALREADY SUPPLIED."

2. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SIX HELICOPTERS LEFT IN PAKISTAN AFTER USE IN FLOOD RELIEF, THE PTI STORY COMMENTED: "THESE HELICOPTERS WERE USED IN THE VIETNAM WAR FOR TRANSPORT OF TROOPS AS WELL AS GUNS. THE US SIDE TOLD Q E SWARAN SINGH THAT THEY WERE

'UNARMED' HELICOPTERS AND DID NOT COME UNDER THE CATEGORY OF 'LETHAL ITEMS.' THEY WERE BEING GIVEN TO PAKISTAN TO COPE WITH RELIEF AND OTHER WORK ARISING FROM THE UNPRECEDENTED FLOOD SITUATION."

3. ANOTHER PTI STORY SAID SINGH HAD INVITED DR. KISSINGER TO VISIT INDIA, AND THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED. IT SAID THAT THE DATE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED "IN DUE COURSE."  
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